



Farmville - Prince Edward Historical Society

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Historic Preservation: Putting Virginia's History to Work for Communities

Presenter

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Tuesday, October 19, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Farmville Train Station

Board meets at 6:00 p.m.

Society Meetings Return to Farmville Train Station

The October and November Farmville-Prince Edward Historical Society meetings will be at the historic Farmville Train Station.

The Society also has scheduled the meetings for the 2011 at the Train Station.

Come enjoy the ambiance of the historic facility.

Kristen Kirchen of the Department of Historic Resources Speaks in October

Kristen Kirchen has been with the Department of Historic Resources for six and a half years. Prior to that she worked in Maryland surveying historic buildings. She has a background in both archaeology and architectural history with a Bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary in anthropology and a Master's degree from UNC-Greensboro in public history.

The Civil War 150 Legacy Project is coming to Farmville on November 5 & 6

The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia are partnering to identify and locate original manuscript material related to the Civil War.

The Library of Virginia is sending teams of archivists to scan privately-held manuscript material for inclusion on both the Library of Virginia and Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission websites.

The team will be in Prince Edward County on Friday, November 5 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on Saturday, November 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Farmville-Prince Edward Community Library meeting room. Appointments are needed and vary in length from approximately 15 minutes to longer, depending on the length of the manuscripts being scanned. Call the Heartland Regional Visitor Center (434-392-1482) to book a time.

Locate items within your family collections that document the Civil War and Civil War era. Suitable materials include:

- ✓ Daybooks / ledgers
- ✓ Diaries
- ✓ Hand-drawn maps
- ✓ Hand-drawn sketches
- ✓ Letters
- ✓ Military passes / discharge papers
- ✓ Original pension materials
- ✓ Photographs
- ✓ Reminiscences
- ✓ Claims for damages by the Confederate Army or Federal Army
- ✓ Other documentary materials not listed

Materials currently held in libraries, historical societies, museums, and other private institutions are not part of the CW 150 Legacy Project.

Materials might cover the following subject areas:

- ∇ Battles
- ∇ John Brown's Raid
- ∇ Camp life
- ∇ Civilian life
- ∇ Home front
- ∇ Medicine and surgery
- ∇ Military prisons
- ∇ Politics and government
- ∇ Reconstruction
- ∇ Secession
- ∇ Soldiers and unit histories
- ∇ Veterans and memorials
- ∇ War perspectives from non-traditional view points (women, African-Americans, pacifists, foreigners)

The CW 150 Legacy Project wants to accomplish several things with its work. It wishes to increase

access to Civil War era materials there were previously unavailable. As a result of that access there will be increased publicity for local communities and thus increased tourism and visitation to Civil War sites and a renewed interest in local history and historical groups. The materials will provide a new perspective on the War from various viewpoints.

Owners of these valuable and rare manuscripts will have an increased knowledge of collection care to ensure the longevity of the their materials.

The public will be able to access this newly discovered original material by visiting the websites (www.virginiamemory.com/cw150) Virginia Memory or (www.virginiacivilwar.org) Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission.

Volunteers are still needed to work with the Library of Virginia representatives and those who will bring in manuscripts. Call Magi Van Eps (392-1482) if you are able to give some time.

This Day in October in Prince Edward County History

- 10-1-1928** President Eggleston restores spelling "Sydney" in college's name to match 1783 Charter
- 10-2-1892** Colored Baptist Church dedicated
- 10-3-1933** County citizens vote in favor (461 - 436) of retaining Prohibition
- 10-4-1798** First sale of lots in newly surveyed town of Farmville; purchasers agreed to build within 7 years
- 10-8-1890** John O. Collins, local inventor, receives gold medal from Paris World's Fair for his railroad car coupler
- 10-9-1898** Dr. John Atkinson Cunningham, second president of the State Female Normal school, dies in Farmville
- 10-10-1910** Buck Fuqua, black restaurateur, died
- 10-11-1900** Confederate Monument unveiled, honoring county's eight military companies
- 10-11-1918** Farmville native, Wiltshire C. Davis, 116th Infantry, receives distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre for bravery in battle exhibited near Verdun.
- 10-11-1979** Pepsi Cola commercial filmed at the Farmville train station.
- 10-12-1909** Remains of Gov. Beverly Randolph re-interred at West View cemetery
- 10-15-1902** O. T. Wicker, postmaster, mayor, councilman, died
- 10-15-1954** Hurricane Hazel comes through Farmville
- 10-15-1909** Andrew Reid Venable, Inspector General for J.E.B. Stuart, commission merchant, died
- 10-16-1859** John Brown's Harper's Ferry raid produces many enlistments for Prince Edward militia
- 10-19-1781** British surrender at Yorktown assures free county government
- 10-20-1871** Cornerstone laid for Prince Edward Courthouse in Farmville
- 10-20-1884** State Female Normal School opened with 110 students
- 10-20-1925** Hotel Weyanoke opens
- 10-21-1948** Farmville Sesquicentennial celebrated
- 10-21-1998** Farmville epicenter for an earthquake 1:57 a.m., 3.3 Richter scale
- 10-23-1897** Kappa Delta Sorority organized at the Normal School
- 10-24-1845** S.W. Paulette, Farmville's "old Reb," born
- 10-24-1946** Dabney S. Lancaster inaugurated president of State Teachers College
- 10-27-1859** Hampden-Sydney alumnus and future Confederate Brig. Gen. Roger Proyer is elected U.S. Congressman from this district
- 10-27-1901** Fire destroyed the dog pound of Farmville
- 10-29-1907** Several citizens witnessed the falling of a dazzling meteor

